

In the Specification:

On page 1, immediately after “PROCESS AND INTERMEDIATES USEFUL IN THE PREPARATION OF STATINS, PARTICULARLY ATORVASTATIN”, please insert the following paragraph:

Related Applications

This application claims the benefit of priority to Patent Cooperation Treaty Application number PCT/GB2004/003206, filed July 23, 2004; which claims the benefit of priority to Great Britain Patent Application serial number 0406760.9, filed March 26, 2004; and Great Britain Patent Application serial number 0317393.7, filed July 25, 2003. The entirety of each of them is hereby incorporated by reference.